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REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 6, 2005. Claims 1-23 remain pending in view of the above amendments.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the drawings and the following remarks.

I. Amended Drawings

[Accommodating the Examiner's objections]

The Examiner objects to Figures 1-3 on the grounds that the figures do not include the indicator "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin. Applicants submit new Figures 1-3 which include the text "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin of each figure. Also enclosed are redlined copies of Figures 1-3 showing the changes being made.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached three (3) sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-3. These sheets, replace the original three sheets including Figures 1-3. In sheets 1-3, "Replacement Sheet" has been added to the top margin.

Attachment:

Three (3) Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claims as amended are in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2005.

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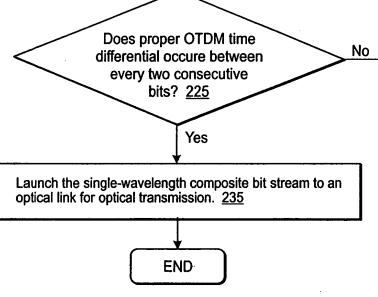
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Generate n chromatically dispersed bit streams by introducing chromatic dispersion into each of the n bit streams by passing each modulated bit stream through a cromatic dispersive element. 210

Form a multi-wavelength composite bit stream of approximately bit rate nB by combining the n chromatically dispersed bit streams. The multi-wavelength composite bit stream contains wavelengths from the n chromatically dispersed bit streams. 215

Generate a single-wavelength composite bit stream of approximately bit rate nB by passing the multi-wavelength composite bit stream through a wavelength converter. 220



Adjust time positions of bits within the single wavelength composite bit stream to create proper ODTM time differential between every two consecutive bits by tuning some or all of n laser sources. 230

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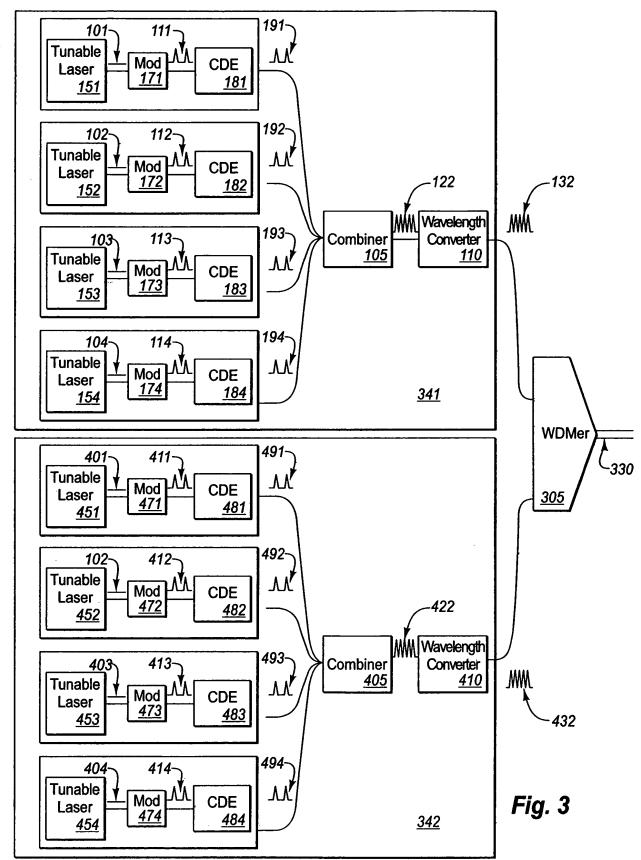
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